

California Portable Classrooms Study

A joint project of the California Air Resources Board and Department of Health Services

California Environmental Protection Agency



Air Resources Board



Gray Davis, Governor



Department of Health Services

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PUBLIC WORKSHOPS TO DISCUSS THE CALIFORNIA STUDY OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS IN PORTABLE CLASSROOMS

Dear Sir or Madam:

The California Air Resources Board (ARB) and the California Department of Health Services (DHS) invite you to participate in one of the upcoming workshops to discuss a draft report to the California Legislature on a comprehensive study of the environmental health conditions in California's portable classrooms. The ARB and the DHS are jointly conducting the study, with the main research field effort conducted by Research Triangle Institute, a research consulting organization. Based on the research study results and other available information, the ARB and the DHS are drafting a report to the Legislature that includes recommendations for preventing or reducing environmental health problems in California classrooms.

The California Portable Classrooms Study was proposed by Governor Davis and is part of a legislative mandate specified in California Health and Safety Code Section 39619.6. ARB and DHS were charged with assessing the environmental health conditions in portable classrooms and developing recommendations to address any unhealthful conditions identified.

The workshops are designed to: (1) provide information on the results of the research study, and (2) obtain comments and suggestions from interested parties regarding the draft report to the Legislature, including the draft recommendations. The draft report to the Legislature is expected to be available on our website on Friday, June 6, 2003, at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/research/indoor/pccs/pccs.htm>. Notice will be provided by email to those on our listserve for the California Portable Classrooms Study. You can join the list serve by visiting <http://www.arb.ca.gov/listserv/pccs/pccs.htm>. If you do not have Internet access and would like copies of the reports, please call Jacqueline Cummins at (916) 445-0753.

The workshops will be held at the times and places shown below. The workshops will be identical in format; you only need to attend one workshop.

Northern California

Date: Tuesday, June 17, 2003
Time: 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Location: California Air Resources Board
Monitoring and Laboratory Division
First Floor Conference Room
1927 13th Street (13th and T Streets)
Sacramento, CA 95814

Date: Tuesday, June 17, 2003
Time: 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Location: California Air Resources Board
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Southern California

Date: Thursday, June 19, 2003
Time: 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Location: California Air Resources Board
Auditorium
9528 Telstar Avenue
El Monte, California 91731

Date: Thursday, June 19, 2003
Time: 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Location: California Air Resources Board
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For those unable to attend the workshops in person, a live Internet broadcast will be available for the morning workshop on June 17, 2003 in Sacramento. The broadcast can be accessed on the day of the workshop at <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/>. In addition, you may participate by teleconference in any of the workshops by dialing 888-577-8992 and giving the Passcode: 15800. The Team Leader for the call will be Peggy Jenkins.

You are also welcome to provide comments on the draft report and recommendations in writing. Please send your written submission to Mr. Tom Phillips, Air Resources Board, Research Division, 5th floor, 1001 I Street, Sacramento, California, 95814. To have written comments considered by the ARB and the DHS, **submittals must be received by Friday, June 27, 2003.**

A revised report reflecting input from the workshops and from written comments is scheduled to be presented at a public meeting of the Air Resources Board on July 24-25, 2003.

If you have special accommodation or language needs, or if you have questions about the workshops, please contact Jacqueline Cummins at (916) 445-0753 or jcummins@arb.ca.gov as soon as possible. TTY/TDD/Speech-to-Speech users may dial 7-1-1 for the California Relay Service. For public transit information for Sacramento, please contact Sacramento Regional Transit at (916) 321-BUSS, or view the transportation information on the Air Resources Board's website at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/maps/sactomap.htm>. For public transit information for El Monte, call the Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) at 1-800-COMMUTE, website <http://www.mta.net> or for an El Monte map please visit <http://www.arb.ca.gov/maps/elmomaps.htm>.

We look forward to your participation at one of our workshops and any comments you may provide.

Sincerely,

/s/

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